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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if more than one name is listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

High-capacity optical storage media

which is described and claimed in:

- ☐ the attached specification.
- ☐ the specification in U.S. Application No. _____, and as amended on _____ (if applicable).
(day/month/year) (day/month/year)
- ☒ the specification in International Application No. **PCT/EP2004/050206**
filed **25/02/2004**
(day/month/year)
assigned U.S. Application No. _____ (if applicable), and as amended
☐ under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable)
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is known by me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America relating to this subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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| Europe | 03100908.7 | 04/04/2003 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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